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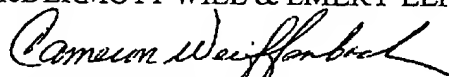
RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/630,572  
Hiroki YOSHIDA  
Group Art Unit: 2625  
Examiner: Charlotte M. Baker

Dear Sir:

Attached is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Sincerely yours

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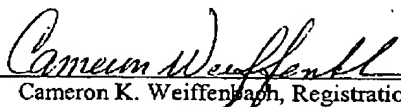
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Application No.: 09/630,572

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Title: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated April 4, 2006. It is proposed to amend the claims as set forth below.

Please amend claim 4 as set forth in the "Amendment to the Claims" on page 2 of this response.

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